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BRITISH POSTAL TRAFFIC
AVERAGE DAILY RECEIPTS

The average daily receipts of the Post Office in the United Kingdom from postal traffic per working day in each month from January 1941 to June 1942 are shown below. Telegraph and telephone receipts, savings bank and money and postal order business are excluded, but the value of postage stamps used for receipt stamps and other revenue duties is included.

Period	Average Amount of Money Received Daily		Proportion to Average Receipts in the corresponding period of 1924-34 (except 1926)		Increase or Decrease 1941-42
	1941	1942	1941	1942	
	£	£	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.
January ...	174,775	183,344	140·9	147·8	+ 4·9
February ...	171,559	178,632	141·9	147·7	+ 4·1
March ...	174,447	182,859	140·3	147·1	+ 4·8
April ...	175,192	185,430	139·0	147·1	+ 5·8
May ...	177,387	187,131	141·1	148·9	+ 5·5
June ...	180,499	186,947	144·8	150·0	+ 3·6
July ...	182,798		144·5		
August ...	183,173		152·4		
September ...	183,212		144·0		
October ...	188,769		141·9		
November ...	189,849		143·0		
December ...	251,421		149·0		
Year ...	186,090		143·7		

British Postal Traffic—*Continued.*

The very slight fall in daily receipts in June as compared with May was less than the seasonal fall in a normal peace-time year, so that the index number based on the average receipts in the corresponding period of 1924–34 (except 1926) rose from 148·9 to 150·0. As compared with a year earlier, the June receipts showed a rise of 3·6 per cent., the corresponding increase for the preceding months of the year being about 5 per cent. The month-to-month comparison is probably the more reliable as an indication of trend, the increase relative to 1941 being smaller in June than in the preceding months owing to receipts in the early months of last year being affected by air raids.

Announcements

Note: Copies of Orders referred to in the "Board of Trade Journal" can be purchased from H.M. Stationery Office, or through any bookseller. New Orders, however, may not be immediately available.

H.M. TRADE COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

The Department of Overseas Trade announces that Mr. A. R. Bruce, formerly Assistant to H.M. Trade Commissioner at Montreal, has been appointed H.M. Trade Commissioner at that post in succession to Mr. T. G. A. Muntz. Mr. Bruce will also have the title of H.M. Trade Commissioner in Newfoundland.

ALL CLASSES OF INSURANCE TRANSACTED

CAR & GENERAL INSURANCE CORPORATION, LTD.

83 PALL MALL, LONDON, S.W.1.

Announcements—*Continued.*

NEW ZEALAND

BULK-PURCHASING OF CERTAIN GOODS THROUGH THE NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY OF SUPPLY

When announcing the basis for the issue of import licences for the Seventh Licensing Period (i.e. the calendar year 1943) the Acting Minister of Customs referred to the difficulties and delays which were experienced in obtaining certain supplies from overseas. "The fact," he said, "that industry in almost all countries from which we have imported goods in the past is now engaged in war activities makes the position regarding supplies of many commodities uncertain and difficult."

The Minister stated that in the United Kingdom, as well as North America, the control of supplies of practically all classes of commodities was now very rigid, and that in most instances the onus of showing that the goods were essential would be on the importer. This would entail the furnishing of full details of requirements in support of orders, and experience had shown that the controlling authorities attached much more weight to an order placed by the Government than an order placed through private channels, even though it was sponsored by the Government.

"In view of these circumstances," stated the Minister, "it will be evident that if we are to obtain supplies of goods which are essential to our needs, the order must be placed through the Ministry of Supply. Where such a procedure is adopted, licences will not be granted to private importers. Importation by the Ministry of Supply will be resorted to, however, only where necessary, and every endeavour will be made to utilise the normal channels of distribution."

The classes of goods which it is proposed to obtain under the procedure are detailed in the Schedule of Allocations for the Seventh Licensing Period under "Customs Regulations and Tariff Changes" (page 390). It is probable that it will be found necessary to add to this list from time to time.

BRITISH INDIA WHEAT CROP ESTIMATES

The Department of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta, reports that the final estimate of the 1941-42 All-India wheat crop is 33,979,000 acres, a decrease of 2·5 per cent. on last year's revised estimate of 34,849,000 acres, and 10,070,000 tons, an increase of 0·4 per cent. on last year's revised estimate of 10,027,000 tons.—*Trade Commissioner for India in London.*

LIMITATION OF SUPPLIES ENQUIRIES AND RETURNS

Enquiries regarding the Limitation of Supplies (Miscellaneous) (No. 16) Order, 1942, the Limitation of Supplies (Heating Apparatus and Polishes) (No. 3) Order, 1942, and the Limitation of Supplies (Toilet Preparations) (No. 4) Order, 1942 (see the "Board of Trade Journal" of 1 August 1942, page 355), should in future be addressed to the Board of Trade, Industries and Manufactures Department (4), I.C. House, Millbank, London, S.W.1. (Telephone: WHItehall 5140.)

Communications relating to returns under the above Orders should be addressed to The Chief Accountant, Board of Trade, Neville House, Page Street, London, S.W.1. (Telephone: WHItehall 9040.)

EXPORT LICENSING

EXPORT OF GOODS (CONTROL) (NO. 34) ORDER, 1942

Under the Export of Goods (Control) (No. 34) Order, 1942 (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 1640, price 1d.), which comes into force on 7 September 1942, control is extended to cover additional metal manufactures, machinery, electrical goods (including wireless apparatus) and chemicals; spectacles and sunglasses made from plastic material; cork stoppers; curled hair and unexposed sensitised photographic film.

I. Licences will, in future, be required to export the following classes of goods to all destinations:—

- Spectacles (including sunglasses) with frames, sides or rims wholly or partly of plastic material; and parts thereof wholly or partly of plastic material.
- Articles of the following descriptions made wholly or mainly of non-precious metals:—
  - Boxes, jewel and trinket.
  - Spectacle cases.
- Incubators (poultry egg) brooders and hovers.
- Lamps for lighting, wholly or mainly of metal, burning liquid fuel.
- Metal bulbs of the kind used in aerated water syphons.
- Washing machines, domestic; mangles and wringers, domestic; and any combinations thereof.

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- Wire-weaving machinery.
- Cork and cork manufactures, the following:—
  - Stoppers, wholly or partly of cork, whether or not fitted to bottles, cans, jars, tubes or similar containers, but not including stoppers fitted to filled receptacles.
- Animal hair, the following:—
  - Curled hair.
- Amplifiers of the thermionic valve-incorporating type.
- Flat-irons.
- Gramophones, radio gramophones and record players and parts therefor, the following:—
  - Gramophones, radio gramophones and record players.
  - Pick-ups.
  - Units incorporating electric motors.
- Headphones and earpieces and headbands therefor.
- Hearing aid appliances designed for the use of the deaf.
- Loudspeakers and loudspeaker units.
- Microphones.
- Wireless receiving sets and receiver chassis.
- Wireless transmitting apparatus.
- Ethyl cellulose (cellulose ethyl ether) and preparations thereof.
- Manganese sulphate.
- Mixtures of, or containing, potassium hydroxide or lithium hydroxide.
- Unexposed sensitised photographic film (other than paper film).

II. Existing controls have been extended to cover hand and bench tools (and parts thereof) made wholly or mainly of metal and all kinds of containers (including flattened containers) and hollow-ware.

III. The existing licensing requirements with respect to (*a*) caps, capsules and sprinklers tops wholly or mainly of metal; (*b*) fish hooks, fishing rods and fishing reels wholly or mainly of metal; (*c*) musical instruments; (*d*) bristles of the pig, hog or boar; (*e*) wireless valves; (*f*) insecticides, fungicides and weed-killers; (*g*) iron oxides; (*h*) rotenone, cubé and derris, and (*i*) sera are superseded by the provisions that licences will, in future, be required to export the following:—

- (*a*) Caps, capsules, lids, sprinkler tops, stoppers and other closures, wholly or partly of metal, whether or not fitted to bottles, jars, cans or similar containers, but not including closures fitted to filled receptacles.
- (*b*) Fishing tackle and requisities, wholly or mainly of metal, the following:—
  - Hooks, rods and reels and cases therefor.
  - Rod fittings.
- (*c*) Musical instruments and parts, the following:—
  - Gramophones without electrical amplification.
  - Musical instruments (other than gramophones, radio gramophones, record players, violins, violas, violoncellos and double basses) and metal parts of such instruments.
  - Sound boxes and tone arms for gramophones.
  - Spring motors for gramophones and units incorporating such motors.
- (*d*) Bristles of the pig, hog or boar, whether dressed or not and bunches of knots containing such bristles.
- (*e*) Wireless valves and other electric discharge tubes and parts thereof.
- (*f*) Insecticides, fungicides and weed-killers containing arsenic compounds, chlorinated naphthalenes, cyanides, fluorides, metaldehyde, nicotine or its salts, petroleum oils, pyrethrum or its extracts or silico fluorides.
- (*g*) Iron oxides and pigments containing iron oxides including ochres, siennas and umbers.
- (*h*) Rotenone, roots containing rotenone, whether ground or not, extracts containing rotenone and preparations of any of the above.
- (*i*) Bacteriological products, not of a kind used solely for veterinary purposes, the following:—
  - Antigens, including toxins, toxoids and tuberculins, but not including vaccines, antiviruses and bacteriophages.
  - Sera, including antitoxins and antitoxic globulins.

IV. Applications for licences to export the following classes of goods will not, normally be entertained:—

- Incubators (poultry egg) brooders and hovers.
- Metal bulbs of the kind used in aerated water syphons.
- Washing machines, domestic; mangles and wringers, domestic; and any combinations thereof.
- Wire-weaving machinery.
- Fishing rod fittings.
- Jewel and trinket boxes.

EXPORT OF GOODS (CONTROL) (NO. 32) ORDER, 1942: PROCEDURE

CORRECTION

With reference to the notice under the above heading in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 17 August (pp. 374–5), the following corrections should be noted:—

In the list of export groups the address of the Ferrous and Non-Ferrous Valves Export Group should be altered to read:—

Major E. L. Paske, O.B.E., A.C.A.,
32 Victoria Street, S.W.1.

In the same list "Fans Ancillary Equipment, etc." should be replaced by "Fans and Ancillary Equipment, etc."

Announcements—*Continued.*

COUPON BANKING

COUPON EQUIVALENT DOCUMENTS

At present coupon equivalent documents of a kind which previously carried quota-free rights are not paid into coupon bank accounts, but are passed back outside the banking system. As from 1 September 1942, this arrangement will be changed and the following rules will come into force :—

(1) A trader who receives a valid declaration or certificate from a Local Authority or other person entitled to coupon-free supplies of rationed goods against the surrender of that document must hold it until he has executed the order. If he cannot execute the order from stock, and has not enough coupons to purchase the goods, he may apply to the Chief Accountant, Board of Trade, Carlton Hotel, Bournemouth, for a loan of coupons. He should send the document with the application and state the coupon value of the goods which he has agreed to supply against it.

(2) When the trader has executed the order, he should endorse on the document his name and address and the coupon value of the goods which he has supplied, and he can then pay the document into his coupon bank account, counting it as equivalent to the number of coupons stated in the endorsement. He must not pass the document back to another trader in payment or part payment of an order for rationed goods to a coupon value exceeding 75 coupons.

(3) A trader who receives from another trader a coupon equivalent document, endorsed as stated in paragraph (2) above, should add a further endorsement giving his own name and address and the coupon value of the rationed goods he has supplied against that document ; and he can then pay it in to his coupon bank account. This also applies to any such document already in his possession on 1 September ; he need not send it back to the customer for a new endorsement. If he receives such a document on or after 1 September, he must not supply more than 75 coupons worth of goods against it ; and on paying it into his bank account, he cannot obtain credit for more than the coupon value of the goods which he has himself supplied.

(4) Applications for replacement of war damaged goods made under the licence S. R. & O. 1942, No. 1209 (price 1d.), must not be paid into bank accounts. Traders who supply goods against them without coupons under this licence should endorse the applications and forward them to the Board of Trade, in accordance with the instructions on the form of application. Nor may traders pay into their bank accounts documents which are merely evidence of supplies for Government contracts.

The following amendments should, therefore, be made to the "Trader's Instructions and Guide to Bank Accounts for Clothing Coupons" :—

(*a*) Insert the above instructions at the end of paragraph 12.
(*b*) Delete paragraph 14 and also the references to it in paragraphs 9, 10, 12 (footnote) and 18.
(*c*) Delete the second sub-paragraph of paragraph 31 and also paragraph 37.
(*d*) Delete the references to "Documents carrying quota-free rights" in paragraphs 18, 34 and 35.

The necessary amendments to the Consumer Rationing Order, and the revised licences, will be published shortly.

BANK ACCOUNTS FOR CLOTHING COUPONS

Traders are asked to assist the Board of Trade Coupon Collection Offices by writing the word SAMPLE clearly in block letters on the flaps of all envelopes containing "marked" coupons which they pay into their Bank Accounts. The rules relating to the acceptance of actual coupons or their equivalents from other traders, the sampling of such coupons, and the daily record of loose coupon transactions, will be found in paragraphs 31–38 of the Traders Instructions and Guide to Bank Accounts for Clothing Coupons. They have been given legal force by the Consumer Rationing (No. 10) Order 1942 (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 1120, price 1d.) and the Coupon Banking Directions, 1942 (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 1143, price 1d.).

WOVEN NON-WOOL CLOTH DIRECTIONS

The provisions of the Woven Non-Wool Cloth Directions, 1942 (see the "Board of Trade Journal" of 30 May 1942, page 272), relating to quota restrictions on the supply of non-utility cloth, expire on 31 August next.

On 1 September next the following arrangements will come into force under the Woven Non-Wool Cloth (No. 2) Directions, 1942 (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 1661) :—

(1) The quota for supplies of non-utility cloth in the 6 months ending 28 February 1943 will be one-third of the Class A (2) quota for such cloth under the Cloth and Apparel Order ; that is, approximately 3 per cent. of supplies in the standard period ending 31 March 1940.

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(2) From 1 September onwards in respect of current production of non-utility cloth, suppliers will receive from the Cotton Control, acting on behalf of the Board of Trade, a licence enabling it to be supplied free of quota.

(3) The supply of utility cloth will remain as at present, free of quota.

(4) The obligation on registered firms to supply at least 75 per cent. of their utility cloth to designated firms will cease. Future arrangements for the supply of utility cloth to designated firms will be made by the Utility Cloth Office, Manchester, in conjunction with the Board of Trade.

(5) After 31 December next no registered person may supply non-wool utility cloth other than household textiles bearing a three-figure specification number.

MAKING OF CIVILIAN CLOTHING

The Making of Civilian Clothing (Restrictions) (No. 7) Order, 1942 (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 9 May 1942, page 242), has been amended by the Making of Civilian Clothing (Restrictions) (No. 7) (Amendment) Order, 1942 (S .R. & O. 1942 No. 1643 price 1d.), so that knitted garments, other than garments made from plain circular knitted rayon fabrics or warp knitted locknit fabric, do not have to comply with the same restrictions as garments made from woven cloth. The amendment states, however, that such knitted garments must not have hand or machine embroidery, buttons for the purposes or ornament, imitation buttonholes, imitation pockets, more than two pockets, or more than one name tab or drop ticket in addition to the size tab and Utility label.

CERTIFICATES FOR INDUSTRIAL RUBBER BOOTS

After 31 August 1942 traders will no longer be permitted to supply rubber boots without buying permits against Factory Inspectors' and similar equivalent certificates issued for such boots before 15 June 1942.

From 1 September onwards these certificates will be valid as coupons only, and for rubber boots an official Board of Trade buying permit will be needed as well.

MACHINERY, PLANT AND APPLIANCES (CONTROL) ORDER

GENERAL LICENCES TO CRANE MANUFACTURERS AND METAL SHUTTER MANUFACTURERS

Under the Machinery, Plant and Appliances (Control) Order, 1942, as amended by the Machinery, Plant and Appliances (Control) (No. 2) Order, 1942 (see the "Board of Trade Journal" of 10 January, page 19, and of 27 June, page 306), General Licences have been issued as follows :—

Cranes.—S. R. & O. 1942 No. 1652, price 1d., dated 17 August 1942, authorises crane manufacturers to acquire steam generating machinery and plant, falling to Class 61, for use with cranes made by them upon production of authority from the Ministry of Supply to manufacture said cranes.

Metal Shutters.—S. R. & O. 1942 No. 1653, price 1d,, dated 17 August 1942, authorises manufacturers of metal shutters to supply them to any person in receipt of a licence or authorisation granted for their installation by the Minister of Works and Planning or other appropriate authority under Regulation 56A of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

ENCOURAGEMENT OF EXPORTS (COTTON) ORDER, 1942

SUSPENSION OF LEVY

In view of the changed export situation and of the surplus which has arisen from the collection of the levy of 5d. per 100-lb. raw cotton, imposed by the Board of Trade under the Defence (Encouragement of Exports) Regulations, 1940, the Board of Trade have decided to suspend, for the time being, the collection of this levy. The Order suspending the levy is the Encouragement of Exports (Cotton) Order, 1942 (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 1597, price 1d.). The levy was imposed for the purpose of defraying expenses in connection with the promotion and financing of export trade in products of the cotton industry. The suspension in no way affects the levy collected by the Cotton Board under the Cotton Industry Act, 1940.

The Board of Trade, with the approval of the Treasury, have power to re-impose the levy, if circumstances arise to make it desirable, so long as the Defence (Encouragement of Exports) Regulations, 1940, remain in force. In the meantime, British Overseas Cottons Ltd., the company formed by the Board of Trade to carry out the work which the levy was raised to finance, remains in existence performing services to the industry as required in existing circumstances.

Announcements—*Continued.*

CONTROL OF DOMESTIC POTTERY

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO AUTHORISED EXPORTERS' LIST

**Additions to List of Persons authorised under Paragraph 4 of the Domestic Pottery (Manufacture and Supply) Directions, 1942, to acquire domestic pottery other than undecorated domestic pottery for exportation.*

Austin & Young, Terminal House, 52 Grosvenor Gardens, London, S.W.1.
Carling, E. W. & Co. Ltd., 39 Eastcheap, London, E.C.3.
Collin & Company, East End House, Shamley Green, Guildford, Surrey.
Coombes Company Ltd., Halton House, 20-23 Holborn, London, E.C.1.
Cornes Ltd., 8 Great Winchester Street, London, E.C.2.
Elder Dempster (Canary Islands) Ltd., Cambridge Chambers, 77a Lord Street, Liverpool, 2.
Forbes, Munn & Co. Ltd., 91 and 93 Bishopsgate, London, E.C.2.
Friedmann, Georges & Fils Ltd., 11 Warwick Square, Carlisle, Cumberland.
Graham Bros., Beckwood House, 73 Endell Street, London, W.C.2.
Green, James & Nephew Ltd., 159 Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C.4.
Hunt, Leuchars & Hepburn, Fairhall, Colley Lane, Reigate, Surrey.
Issa, E. A., & Bros., Woodberry, Hindhead, Surrey.
Mackee, A., & Sons, Foley Works, Brocksford Street, Fenton, Stoke-on-Trent.
Mappin & Webb, 156-162 Oxford Street, London, W.1.
Marwood & Robertson, 18 Water Street, Liverpool, 2.
Mercantile Overseas Trust Ltd., 27 Old Broad Street, London, E.C.2.
Payne, Geo., & Sons, 60 and 62 Finsbury Pavement, London, E.C.2.
Piggott, C. H. & Co., Apex House, 104 High Street, Loughton, Essex.
Plichta, J., 37 Store Street, Bedford Square, London, W.C.1.
Stephen, Fraser (London) Ltd., Brookdene, Graffham, Petworth, Sussex.
Wing On Company Ltd., Devonshire Chambers, 146 Bishopsgate, London, E.C.2.

Corrections to List of Persons authorised under Paragraph 4 of the Domestic Pottery (Manufacture and Supply) Directions, 1942, to acquire domestic pottery other than undecorated domestic pottery for exportation.

Tytherley, F. J. & Co. Ltd., Martins Bank Chambers, Carr Road, Nelson, Lancs., should read Tytherleigh, F. J. & Co. Ltd., Martins Bank Chambers, Carr Road, Nelson, Lancs.
Whitcombe & Tombs Ltd., 3-4, Addle Hill, Custer Lane, London, E.C.3, should read
Whitcombe & Tombs Ltd., 3-4 Addle Hill, Carter Lane, London, E.C.3.

CONTROL OF RUBBER TYRES

The Ministry of Supply has re-enforced the provision of the Control of Rubber Tyres (No. 4) Order, 1942 (see the "Board of Trade Journal" of 17 January 1942, page 38) which prohibited delivery by retreaders of retreaded tyres to anyone except authorised tyre depots.

After the No. 4 Order had come into force a Direction (No. 1) (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 597, price 1d.) was issued which permitted retreaded tyres, received by retreaders before 4 April, to be delivered to the customers from whom they had been received. The new Direction (No. 3) (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 1630, which is now being printed) withdraws this permission.

CONTROL OF COTTON INDUSTRY

The Control of the Cotton Industry (No. 35) Order, 1942 (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 1629) made by the Minister of Supply amends the No. 29 Order (see the "Board of Trade Journal" of 14 March 1942, page 141) fixing maximum prices for certain types of cotton waste.

The maximum prices fixed by the No. 29 Order applied to waste whether delivered in bales or any form of delivery. Under the new Order the maximum price for certain types of waste is reduced by 0·12d. per lb. if the waste is delivered in any form other than pressed bales. The No. 35 Order also provides that no person, including a public presser, shall make any charge for putting cotton waste into pressed bales without the previous approval of the Minister of Supply. Applications for such approval should be made to the Cotton Control, Cotton Waste Section, Arkwright House, Parsonage, Manchester, 3.

* See the "Board of Trade Journal" of 10 August (pages 363-364) and previous issues.

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CONTROL OF FLAX

The Control of Flax (No. 14) Order, 1942 (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 1627, price 1d.) and the Control of Flax (No. 15) Order, 1942 (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 1628, price 1d.) have been issued by the Ministry of Supply under the No. 15 Order the scale of charges for scutching retted flax straw provided by the Nos. 11 and 13 Orders (S. R. & O. 1940 No. 1970 and 1941 No. 1669, price 1d., respectively) has been amended as follows :—

Flax : 5s. 3d. per stone of scutched flax produced.
Tow : 4s. 3d. per stone of scutched tow produced.

The No. 14 Order requires farmers in Northern Ireland to furnish to the Ministry of Agriculture of Northern Ireland, Stormont, Belfast, before 31 August 1942, particulars of any dam or dew retted flax straw suitable for scutching into long fibre which was obtained from seed sown in Northern Ireland any time in the year 1941, together with the name of the mill where it is to be scutched.

The Order also makes it obligatory for farmers to have all such flax straw scutched before 31 October 1942, unless exempted by a licence granted by the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland from so doing.

Enquiries relating to the No. 14 Order should be addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Stormont, Belfast.

TRADING WITH THE ENEMY

ADVICE TO SHIPPERS

There is no change to report in either of the Lists as published in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 10 August (pages 364–365).

IMPORT LICENSING: ESSENTIAL OILS

NOTICES TO IMPORTERS No. 154

As from 31 August 1942, enquiries and applications (in duplicate) in respect of ESSENTIAL OILS should be addressed to the Ministry of Food. Fruit Juices, Essential Oils and Pectin Branch, Portman Court, Portman Square, London, W.1.

IMPORTATION OF FOOD BY TRAVELLERS

With reference to the notice in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 19 December 1940 (page 375), arrangements have been made between the Departments concerned that, as from 1 September 1942, foodstuffs the property of British (including Empire) seamen wherever domiciled, other seamen domiciled in the United Kingdom, passengers and Royal Navy personnel, may be imported from Eire without import licences, provided that the total quantity of all foodstuffs does not exceed 7 lbs. and that no one rationed foodstuff within that quantity exceeds 2 lbs.

Such seamen, passengers and Royal Navy personnel arriving from ports in other countries including persons on vessels which may call at a port in Eire as part of a normal voyage, may import foodstuffs without import licences, provided the total quantity does not exceed 25 lbs. and that no one rationed foodstuff within that quantity exceeds 5 lbs.

Any Customs duty chargeable must be paid on goods brought in under this concession, if the quantity exceeds the amount ordinarily allowed free of duty.

INSURANCE OF COMMODITIES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

WAR RISKS INSURANCE ACT, 1939—PART II

The Board of Trade have, with the approval of the Treasury, decided that, in respect of the period beginning 3 September 1942 and ending 2 December 1942, the rate of premium payable under any policy of insurance issued under the Commodity Insurance Scheme shall continue to be at the rate of five shillings per cent. per month. Effect has been given to this decision by the War Risks (Commodity Insurance) (No. 4) Order, 1942 (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 1639, price 1d.).

LOCATION OF RETAIL BUSINESSES ORDER, 1942

THE OPENING OF NEW SHOPS

The Location of Retail Businesses Order, 1942 (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 1619, price 2d.), supersedes the Location of Retail Businesses Orders, 1941 (S. R. & O. 1941 Nos. 1784 and 1933). It makes it necessary for *all* traders in goods covered by the Order (*i.e.* most non-food goods) to apply for licences if they wish to start a new retail business.

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The purpose of the new Order is to consolidate the provisions of the 1941 Orders and to deal with the situation which has been created because advantage has been taken of a loophole created by the goodwill clause in S. R. & O. 1941 No. 1933. This amendment dispensed with the need for a licence where the goodwill of an existing business was acquired by operation of law or otherwise. It has, however, led to undesirable dealings in fictitious goodwill. The Local Price Regulation Committees, who grant licences under this Order on behalf of the Board of Trade, will accordingly give favourable consideration to applications for licences when there is a real transfer of goodwill, but in general they will consider applications for licences in relation to the local need for a new business or the extension of an existing business.

HIRING OF COSTUMES FOR STAGE AND FILM PRODUCTIONS

The General Licence (S. R. & O. 1941 No. 1189) allowing the hiring without coupons of costumes for stage and film productions has been revoked by S. R. & O. 1942 No. 1638, which has not been printed. Theatrical costumiers should now apply individually to the Board of Trade, Raleigh House, Dolphin Square, London, S.W.1, for licences to hire.

CONTROL OF FIRECLAY AND SILICA REFRACTORIES

Fireclay and Silica Refractories are now controlled as part of the Chrome Ore, Magnesite, Wolfram and Foundry Bonding Materials Control under the Ministry of Supply. Mr. H. Halliday has joined the Control as Director in charge of these materials.

MINISTRY OF FOOD ORDERS

In continuation of the list given in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 17 August (page 379), the following Orders, made by the Ministry of Food, have been published as S. R. & O. 1942 :—

No. 1501. Order, dated 31 July 1942, amending the Compound and Mixed Feeding Stuffs (Control) (No. 2) Order, 1940. (2d.)

No. 1555. The Home Grown Wheat (Control and Prices) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1942, dated 31 July 1942. (3d.)

No. 1586. The Home Grown Dredge Corn (Control and Maximum Prices) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1942, dated 6 August 1942. (2d.)

No. 1587. Order, dated 6 August 1942, amending the Rationing (Personal Points) Order, 1942. (1d.)

No. 1589. Directions, dated 6 August 1942, under the Food Transport Order, 1941. (1d.)

No. 1590. Order, dated 6 August 1942, amending the Home Grown Apples (Maximum Prices) Order, 1942. (1d.)

NOTE.—No. 1435. The Sugar Confectionery and Chocolate and Chocolate Confectionery (Distribution) Order, 1942, dated 23 July 1942. This Order was quoted erroneously as No. 1345 in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 10 August.

BRITISH STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

FILLING VALVES FOR TRACTION GAS BAGS

The British Standards Institution has recently issued a War Emergency British Standard No. 1046 relating to Filling Valves and Hose Connections for Traction Gas Bags.

The object of this specification is to ensure interchangeability between the connections on motor vehicles and on the supply pipes at filling stations. The specification lays down such recommendations in regard to the design of the filling valve as will ensure a satisfactory performance but without restricting individuality in design. Threads for the hose connections and unions are fully standardised dimensionally to ensure interchangeability.

In an appendix to the specification fully detailed working drawings are given of one type of valve which complies with the general requirements of the specification and which has been found to be satisfactory in practice.

Copies of this specification can be obtained from the British Standards Institution, 28, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1. Price 2s., 2s. 3d. post free.

RECOMMENDED DESIGNS FOR GAUGES

In response to a request received from the Institution of Production Engineers, a Technical Committee of the British Standards Institution commenced the preparation of a British Standard dealing with recommended designs for all of the common types of inspection and workshop gauges for plain and threaded work. With the advent of the war, the importance of this British Standard in relation to war emergency production was fully realised by the Ministry of Supply and throughout its preparation the Technical Committee has worked in the closest collaboration with the Controller of Jigs, Tools and Gauges to that Ministry.

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At the present time, some of the work visualised remains to be completed, but in view of the national urgency for the issue of these recommendations it has been decided to publish this British Standard as far as it has been completed.

This new British Standard, No. 1044, Recommended Designs for Plug, Ring and Gap Gauges, deals comprehensively with the dimensional standardisation of all of the common types of gauges, including ring gauges, gap gauges and both solid plug gauges and plug gauges of the renewable end type as developed in America and now commonly used in this country.

The tolerances on the gauges are not dealt with in this new British Standard, since they are already governed by the existing British Standard B.S. 919 for Screw Thread Gauges and B.S. 969 for Plain Limit Gauges.

The Controller urges that during the present emergency all production of gauges of the type covered by this British Standard should be in conformity with these recommendations and designs unless the particular circumstances make some departure from the Standard imperative.

Copies of this British Standard may be obtained from the British Standards Institution, 28, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1. Price 5s. each, post free 5s. 6d. each.

GAS CYLINDERS

The British Standards Institution has recently issued a further specification in the series of British Standards for Steel Cylinders for the storage and transport of gases. The present specification relates to manganese steel gas cylinders for atmospheric gases and is based on Exemption Orders, Nos. 16 and 21, to the Gas Cylinders Conveyance Regulations of 1931.

The specification lays down the quality and composition of the steel and its heat treatment, requirements relating to the thickness of the cylinder walls, and a series of mechanical and pressure tests.

Copies of this specification, B.S. 1045, can be obtained from the British Standards Institution, 28, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1. Price 2s., 2s. 3d. post free.

COMPARATORS

The British Standards Institution has recently issued a further specification (B.S. No. 1054) in the series of standards for engineers' precision tools, namely for Engineers' Comparators for external measurement.

The type of measuring tool which forms the subject of this specification comprises a rigid stand supporting a measuring head over a work table. The specification applies to comparators with measuring heads of low and minimum magnification factors. It is applicable to measuring heads operated by mechanical, electrical, optical, fluid or pneumatic means.

Owing to the diversity of designs of this type of measuring tool, the specification is concerned mainly with the desirability of accuracy of performance.

Copies of this Specification may be obtained from the British Standards Institution, 28, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1., price 2s., 2s. 3d. post free.

EXPORT

The fact that goods made of raw materials in short supply owing to war conditions are advertised in this Journal should not be taken as an indication that they are necessarily available for export.

Customs Regulations and Tariff Changes

BRITISH EMPIRE

CANADA

CUSTOMS TARIFF

With reference to the notice under the above heading in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 25 April (page 224), H.M. Senior Trade Commissioner at Ottawa has forwarded a copy of Memorandum (Series D, No. 119), dated 25 July, issued by the Department of National Revenue, which states that by Order in Council (P.C. 6220) of 20 July drawback item 1069 was rescinded and the following temporary item established :—

Customs Regulations and Tariff Changes—*Continued.*

Item No.	Goods	When Subject to Drawback	Portion of Duty (not including Special Duty or Dumping Duty) Payable as Drawback
1070	Bituminous coal imported on or after 1 April 1942.	When converted into coke to be sold; provided that to the satisfaction of the Coal Administrator the maximum quantity of Canadian mined coal which can be transported to coking plants operating under the benefit of Order in Council P.C. 3637 is included in the bituminous coal so used as covered by each drawback claim ... Provided also that drawback payable under this item is in lieu of drawback under any other item.	99%

EIRE

SUSPENSION OF CERTAIN IMPORT DUTIES

The Board of Trade have received information from the Senior United Kingdom Trade Commissioner at Dublin that the Government of Eire have made Orders suspending import duties as follows :—

Tariff Ref. No.	Goods	Period of Suspension
158/2	Certain nails, sprigs, etc., staples and rivets.	15 July 1942 to 14 January 1943
78	Certain electric wire or cable	1 August 1942 to 31 January 1943
202/1	Sodium carbonate	1 August 1942 to 31 January 1943
63	Certain copper tubes, tubing, pipes and piping	1 August 1942 to 31 January 1943
16	Dry batteries and component parts thereof	1 August 1942 to 31 January 1943

SUSPENSION OF CERTAIN IMPORT QUOTAS

The Board of Trade have received a copy of a notice, No. 401, issued by the Revenue Commissioners, which states that the Government of Eire have made an Order suspending, during the period 1 August 1942 to 31 January 1943, the quota restrictions imposed by the Control of Imports (quota No. 35) Order, 1937 (sparking plugs and component parts thereof).

KENYA, UGANDA, TANGANYIKA AND ZANZIBAR

IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

The Colonial Office have received by telegram from the East African Governors Conference the text of the following announcement which was published in East Africa on 7 August relating to imports into Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika and Zanzibar :—

"Importers will be aware from recent announcements in the Press that, owing to lack of shipping space, severe restrictions on imports from overseas are to be imposed, and in order that space available may be used to the best advantage, all imports will be given shipping priority graded in three ratings in accordance with the degree of urgency regarding arrivals.

All existing licences on the United Kingdom have already been recalled for review, and it is inevitable that a large number of such licences will have to be cancelled, as the amount of shipping space available is not likely to be sufficient for more than imports which will be assigned to the highest of the three shipping ratings into which goods covered by these licences will be divided. Recalled licences which it is found possible to reissue will be issued on a new form of licence, giving details of shipping and supply priorities, and reference to recalled licences which they replace. New licences will be issued in duplicate, so that one copy may be sent by the importer to the overseas supplier to assist the latter in obtaining an export licence and shipping space. Instead of a duplicate licence, the importer may, if he wishes, in cases only of licences on the United Kingdom, obtain from the Imports Control Office a special Airgraph Certificate giving particulars of his import licence for transmission to suppliers. Importation of goods covered by licences on the United Kingdom that have been cancelled in accordance with the above procedure will be allowed, provided that shipment from the United Kingdom is effected before 31 August 1942.

Outstanding licences on countries other than the United Kingdom are about to be recalled for immediate review. It is expected that a considerable number of these licences will also have to be cancelled. Importation of goods covered by such cancelled licences will be permitted provided that they are shipped before a date to be notified later."

NEW ZEALAND

IMPORT LICENSING—SEVENTH PERIOD

The Board of Trade have received details of the allocations for the Seventh Licensing Period (i.e. the calendar year 1943).

In view of the delays at present being experienced in the fulfilment of orders, and shipping difficulties, it has been decided that sixth period licences shall be valid for imports up to 30 June 1943 instead of 31 December next.

Except in respect of the items shown in the Schedule hereunder, applications for licences for imports during the seventh period will be considered on the same basis as for the sixth period, the schedule for which was published in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 4 October 1941, and amended from time to time in subsequent notices.

In respect of the items shown in the Schedule hereunder allocations (if any) will be determined on the basis indicated in the final column.

Items marked "A."—Allocations for imports from United Kingdom and Crown Colonies only will be granted up to 50 per cent. of value of licences granted for imports from those sources in 1940.

Items marked "AA."—Allocation for imports from United Kingdom and "Other British" countries will be granted up to 50 per cent. of the value of licences granted for imports from those sources in 1940.

Items marked "B."—Allocation for imports from all sources will be granted up to 50 per cent. of the value of licences granted for imports from those sources in 1940.

Items marked "BB."—Allocation for imports from all sources will be granted up to 100 per cent. of the value of licences granted for imports from those sources in 1940.

Items marked "C."—Items regarded as "Control" for which applications will be considered individually.

Items marked "D."—Items for which no allocation is made.

Items marked "MS."—Imports being arranged by the Ministry of Supply. In the meantime formal applications for licences should not be made. Persons desiring to arrange importations should furnish particulars of requirements direct to the Secretary of Supply or to agencies designated by him.*

Reference in the Schedule to the years 1940, 1941, or 1942 relates to licences issued for imports in those years; reference in 1938 relates to imports in that year.

* See announcement on page 386.

SCHEDULE

Item No.	Tariff Item or Extract therefrom	Group
5 (2)	Bran or pollard	C
ex 5 (10)	Soya bean flour	BB (1938)
23	Tea, in bulk, etc.	C
ex 36 (4)	Dried apricots and peaches	C
ex 39	Fruits, preserved in juice or syrup—viz., apricots and peaches	C
ex 39	Fruits preserved in juice or syrup—viz., pineapples (other than Fijian canned pineapples)	C
ex 41	Glucose	C
52 (1)	Almonds and nuts, all kinds, n.e.i. (except peanuts)	C
52 (3)	Desiccated coconut, etc.	C
52 (4)	Walnuts, etc.	C
62	Rice, dressed or undressed, etc.	C
ex 64	Salt (excluding salt in packages under 5 lb.)	MS
ex 67	Sago and tapioca	C
ex 67	Confectioners' moulding starch, etc. ...	C
81 (1–2)	Tobacco, unmanufactured, etc.	MS
88	Spirits wholly denatured in New Zealand, etc.	C
ex 95	Acids, inorganic n.e.i., etc.	C
97	Bacteriological products, etc.	B
100	Chloroform, etc.	B
103	Dextrine n.e.i.	C
ex 105	Sulphur (excluding colloidal sulphur) ...	MS
ex 105	Drugs and chemicals—viz., acetone, etc.	C

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Item No.	Tariff Item or Extract therefrom	Group
110	Dyes, manufactured, etc.	C
111	Dyeing materials n.e.i.	C
114	Essences, synthetic, etc.	C
115	Essential oils	C
116 (3)	Gases, liquefied or compressed, n.e.i. ...	C
118	Gums and resins—viz., arabic, benzoin, etc.	C
ex 120 (3)	Vitamins, etc. (excluding wheat-germ oil)	BB
ex 121 (1)	Styptic pencils	D
ex 121 (1)	Druggists' sundries, and apothecaries' wares, n.e.i.; also aerated-water makers', cordial-makers', and brewers' drugs, chemicals, and other sundries, n.e.i.; chemicals, and chemical preparations, n.e.i. (excluding effervescing saline preparations, cod-liver oil emulsions, medicated cigarettes, and styptic pencils ...	B (1942)
ex 121 (1)	Medicinal preparations (except wines) containing 50 per cent. of proof spirit or less; medicinal preparations n.e.i. and drugs n.e.i. (excluding effervescing saline preparations and cod-liver oil emulsions)	B
121 (2)	Medicinal preparations n.e.i., packed in hermetically sealed glass vessels, etc. ...	B
122	Medicinal preparations (except medicated wines) containing more than 50 per cent. of proof spirit	B
ex 124	Metallic elements n.e.i.; oxides, hydroxides, inorganic salts n.e.i., etc. [excluding ammonium hydroxide (ammonia solutions), hydrated lime (calcium hydroxide), cleansing preparations other than simple (unmixed) salts, silver nitrate, solutions of hypochlorites, sodium chlorate, soda ash, sodium bicarbonate, caustic soda, sodium sesqui-carbonate, sodium silicate, calcium chloride, ammonium chloride, and lead arsenate] ...	C
ex 134 (1)	Appliances (including splints) for wear, even if medicated, etc. (excluding ear trumpets; ear tubes, audiphones, and other hearing aids for the partially deaf)	B
134 (2)	Surgical and dental instruments, etc. ...	B
ex 134 (3)	Surgeons', physicians', and dentists' materials, etc. (excluding cotton-wool)	B
135	Scientific and philosophical instruments and appliances, etc.	C
ex 136 (4)	Gloves and mittens other than those composed wholly or principally of leather, rubber, or asbestos, or "work" gloves	A (1938)
ex 136 (4)	Gloves wholly or principally of leather ...	D
ex 136 (7)	Women's stockings, full length, other than those of cotton, silk and/or artificial silk	C
ex 136 (7)	Women's stockings, full length, of cotton, silk and/or artificial silk...	C
143	Braids, and bindings, all kinds, n.e.i., cords n.e.i., of wool, etc....	A
ex 152	Elastics, all kinds, including boot and brace elastics; elastic threads and cords; plain tape of cotton, linen, or jute; webbings, all kinds, including elastic webbings; dressmakers' beltings, including cotton petershams whether plain or circular woven, or reinforced; woven looping, and labels, for boots; chain coat-hangers; woven bandings, bands, tapes, and similar articles with printed, woven, or embroidered lettering, trade-name, or trade-mark, suited for use with boots	AA
ex 164	Hat-hoods, woven, and similar, of straw, hemp, and similar materials, unblocked or partially blocked (but unsewn) ...	C
165	Hat-hoods, felt, of wool or fur, etc. ...	C
ex 166	Hatmakers' materials—viz., hatters' ribbons, galloons, or linings, etc. (excluding hat leathers)	B
168	Lace, laces, and ribbons, n.e.i.	A (1941)
169	Leather cloth, and oil baize, etc.... ...	AA
ex 170	Hat-hoods, woven and similar, of straw, hemp, and similar materials, unblocked or partially blocked (but unsewn) ...	C
174	Sewing cottons, silks, threads, and twists; etc.	AA
178 (1)	Tailors' trimmings—viz., hair-cloths, etc.	C
178 (2)	Tailors' trimmings—viz., Silesias, etc. ...	C
ex 180 (1)	Textile piece-goods—viz., moquettes, tapestry and tickings, composed of cotton, linen, jute, hemp, other vegetable fibre, or of combinations of these materials with one another, or with any material (except wool or hair), provided that such piece-goods do not contain more than 50 per cent. by weight of silk, of imitation silk, of artificial silk, or of more than 50 per cent. by weight of silk, combinations of the same	C

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Item No.	Tariff Item or Extract therefrom	Group
ex 180 (1)	Sheeting and other piece-goods on condition that the materials are used by the applicant in the manufacture of sheets, plain tablecloths, tablenapkins, towels (other than Terry or Turkish), and quilts (excluding similar plain articles) ...	C
ex 180 (1)	Textile piece-goods (other than moquettes, tapestry and tickings) of cotton, linen, hemp, jute (excluding jute and hessian piece-goods manufactured in India), other vegetable fibre, silk, artificial silk, imitation silk, or of combinations of these materials with one another, or with any other material (except wool or hair)	C
ex 180 (2)	Knitted or lock-stitched piece-goods of silk, or artificial silk, or of combinations of these materials with one another, or with any other material (except wool or hair) (excluding circular knitted artificial silk piece-goods)	C
ex 182	Textile piece-goods—viz., dress nets, curtain nets, etc. (excluding whitebait netting)	A (1941)
183 (1)	Moquettes and tapestry, of wool, or containing wool	C
ex 183 (2)	Textile piece-goods, including textiles of wool or containing wool, n.e.i. (excluding piece-goods for Army, Navy, or Air Force uniforms)	C
186	Umbrella makers' materials, etc. ...	C
187	Union textiles n.e.i., etc.	C
188	Upholsterers' materials, etc.	C
190	Waterproof material in the piece, etc.	
191	Yarn—viz., coir, flax, etc.	C
192	Yarns of cotton, silk, artificial silk, etc....	C
ex 193	Hand knitting yarn and wool mending balls	AA
ex 193	Yarns n.e.i. (excluding hand knitting yarn and wool mending balls)	C
194	Belts and belting n.e.i., for driving machinery, etc.	C
197	Gumboots, etc.	MS
198 (2)	Boot, shoe and slipper heels, knobs, and soles of rubber	MS
199 (1)	Hose, tubing or piping, flexible, of canvas, etc....	C
200 (3)	Goat-skins and kid-skins, etc.	C
200 (6) (*b*)	Patent leathers	C
ex 200 (8)	Leather n.e.i.; belts (not being apparel), and belting, wholly or partly composed of leather (excluding sole leather n.e.i.)	C
205 (1) (*a*)	Water beds and cushions, ice bags and caps, etc., composed wholly or principally of rubber	MS
205 (1) (*b*)	Hot water bags and hot water bottles of rubber	MS
205 (2)	Rubber gloves, n.e.i. (including surgeons' rubber gloves)	MS
205 (3)	Rubber or guttapercha solutions and cements	MS
ex 205 (5)	Perambulator tires not exceeding 1¾ inches in diameter, for wire spoked wheels ...	MS
ex 205 (5)	Rubber tires—viz., bicycle, tricycle, perambulator, and similar, and inner tubes of rubber for pneumatic tires, not exceeding 1¾ inches in diameter (excluding perambulator tires not exceeding 1¾ inches in diameter for wire spoked wheels)	MS
ex 205 (6) (*a*)	Moulded rubber strip suited for the repair of pneumatic rubber tires, n.e.i. ...	MS
ex 205 (6) (*a*)	Pneumatic rubber tires, and inner tubes of rubber therefor n.e.i.	MS
205 (6) (*b*)	Solid rubber tires, etc.	MS
205 (7)	Rubber tire repair outfits, etc.	MS
205 (8)	Rubber valves and teats for feeding-bottles, etc....	MS
ex 213	White cement	C
214	Chinaware, etc., suited for table use, etc. (Imports are to be confined to ware suited for everyday table use)... ...	United Kingdom and Australia — 50 per cent. of 1938 all sources.
218	Flooring, wall, hearth, and garden tiles...	C
219	Glass, sheet, common window or plate, etc.	C
220	Glass, plate or sheet, in sizes not exceeding 20 superficial feet, etc.	C
224	Glass rods, tubes or tubing, plain ...	C
226	Lamps, miners' safety, etc.	C
236 (1)	Cigarette-paper entered to be warehoused in any bonded tobacco-factory, etc. ...	C

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NEW ZEALAND—*Continued.*

Item No.	Tariff Item or Extract therefrom	Group
257	Precious stones and semi-precious stones, etc....	B
264	Watches	All sources 150 per cent. of 1940.
287	Emery-paper, emery-cloth, etc.	MS
290	Paperhangings	C
292	Paper-pulp, for the manufacture of paper	MS
ex 310 (1)	Bolts, and bolt ends, up to 24 inches in length, including insulator bolts, n.e.i.; nuts, blank or screwed; metal threaded screws; set-screws, engineers' studs, taper pins and split pins; rivets and washers, other than washers wholly of rubber	C
ex 310 (1)	Screws for wood	C
313	Chain, and chains, metal, etc. ...	C
314	Chain-belting, etc....	C
316	Cocks, metal, low-pressure, etc.	C
318	Cylinders for compressed gases	C
323	Percussion caps; detonators	C
ex 332	Typewriters (including covers); duplicating machines and apparatus, n.e.i.; addressing machines	C
ex 332	Adding and computing machines and instruments; accounting and book-keeping machines; combined adding and typing machines	C
ex 338 (1) (*b*)	Batteries peculiarly suited for use with hearing aids	C
ex 338 (2)	Wire or cable connectors; indoor or switchboard type fuses up to 25 amps; house service or outdoor fuses or cut-outs up to 150 amps. (This is in substitution for the decision in the Sixth Period Schedule relating to cable connectors and porcelain fuses or cut-outs up to 100 amps.)...	D
ex 338 (3)	Electrodes for electric welding	C
ex 338 (3)	Carbons or electrodes for arc lamps, for electric furnaces, or for electric welding (excluding electrodes for electric welding)	BB (1941)
ex 338 (4)	Electric appliances n.e.i. peculiar to surgery; X-ray tubes and electrical vacuum tubes not suitable for purposes of illumination (being for medical purposes only)	C
ex 338 (4)	Loudspeakers (including parts, except paper speaker cones, for the assembly thereof) suited for use in wireless broadcast receiving sets	D
338 (10) (*b*)	Electric machinery or appliances n.e.i. (excluding insulators, ceiling roses and appliance plugs)	A
ex 340	Electric torch cases	C
ex 340	Electric lamps n.e.i.	C
ex 342	Measuring, counting, testing, indicating, etc., appliances n.e.i., etc. (excluding water meters, magnetic compasses, and clinical thermometers)	MS
348	Traction engines and tractors; portable steam engines, etc.	MS
ex 351 (4)	Vacuum cleaners	D
ex 351 (8)	Sewing machines, other than industrial ...	D
351 (10)	Machinery, etc., peculiar to metal-working, wood-working, stone-working, or glass-working (excluding press tools for metal stamping; hand operated guillotines; bending rollers; power presses; bench type belt sanders; steel wedges) ...	MS
352	Machinery, etc., peculiar to use in manufacturing, industrial and similar processes	MS
ex 353 (1)	Gas heating and gas cooking appliances (excluding domestic gas cookers) ...	C
ex 353 (6) (*b*)	Refrigerators	D
ex 353 (6) (*b*)	Washing machines	D
ex 354	Circular saws, axes, and hayforks ...	MS
ex 354	Tools specially suited for jewellers' use ...	MS
ex 354	Artificers' tools, n.e.i., etc. (excluding circular saws, axes, hayforks; tools specially suited for jewellers' use; long-handled shovels)	MS
ex 354	Long-handled shovels	D
355	Tanks, rectangular, of sheet iron, if imported containing goods...	C
ex 356 (1) (*b*)	Enamelled hollowware	C
ex 356 (1) (*b*)	Blind rollers	C
ex 356 (1) (*b*)	Clothes wringers	C
ex 356 (1) (*b*)	Cast-iron boilers or furnaces and radiators for central heating and equipment including oil burners necessary for use therewith	C

Customs Regulations and Tariff Changes—*Continued.*

Item No.	Tariff Item or Extract therefrom	Group
ex 356 (1) (*b*)	Mouse and rat traps	Any source 100 per cent. 1938.
ex 356 (1) (*b*)	Containers for toilet preparations ...	D
ex 356 (1) (*b*)	Hardware, hollowware, and ironmongery, n.e.i.; manufactured or partly manufactured articles of metal, and manufactured or partly manufactured articles of metal in combination with any other material, n.e.i. (excluding bed fittings of cast iron; plugs and washers for baths, basins, sinks, and tubs; butchers' and slaughtermen's knives; mops; brass hearth sets; firescreens; display fittings; wheelbarrows; pot scourers; enamelled iron sinks; aluminium hollowware; cutlery; safety razor blades; hollow-ground razors (other than safety); enamelled hollowware; materials suited only for the manufacture and repair of jewellery; blind rollers; clothes wringers; cast-iron boilers or furnaces and radiators for central heating and equipment including oil burners necessary for use therewith; containers for toilet preparations; piston rings; mouse and rat traps) ...	A (1941)
356 (3)	Builders' and cabinetmakers' hardware, etc....	MS
ex 357 (1)	Copper, iron, lead, tin and other metal (excluding aluminium) in billets, blooms, ingots, or pigs	MS
ex 357 (2)	Brass, copper, lead, tin and other metal (excluding aluminium) n.e.i., in bars or rods (except cast bars or rods of copper alloy)	MS
357 (4)	Iron, galvanized or plain black—viz., angle, tee, bar, bolt, channel, etc. ...	MS
357 (5) (*a*)	Iron—viz., sheet, plate, etc., or hoop, plain, etc.	MS
357 (5) (*b*)	Iron —viz., corrugated sheet iron ...	MS
ex 357 (6)	Metal n.e.i.—viz., foil, leaf; hoop, plate or sheet, plain, whether in the rough, polished, enamelled, galvanized, plated, tinned, or otherwise coated with metal (excluding lead sheet and aluminium) ...	MS
357 (7)	Shafting, plain rolled, etc.	MS
357 (8)	Metal sheet, perforated or cellular ...	MS
357 (10)	Wire, metal, plain, n.e.i.; barbed fencing wire, etc.	MS
357 (11)	Metal cordage, not being gold or silver ...	MS
358	Metallic and similar capsules	C
ex 360	Square grooved spikes or nails; clouts over 1 inch in length and nails with wire spring attachment peculiarly suited for fixing wallboard	C
362 (2) (*a*)	Pipes, etc., cast iron n.e.i., including rainwater, soil, and similar pipes	C
362 (3)	Pipes, etc., wrought iron, or steel, screwed; boiler tubes, etc.	MS
362 (5) (*b*)	Knees, bends, elbows, etc., of cast iron for rainwater, soil, and similar pipes ...	C
365	Rails for railways or tramways	MS
368	Saddlers' ironmongery, etc.	AA
371	Springs, coil, volute and spiral, etc. ...	B
376 (2)	Electrically welded wire fabric; etc. ...	C
ex 379	Hubs, spindles, and other finished, partly finished, or machined parts of bicycles, tricycles, and the like vehicles, including motor-cycles (excluding perambulator wheels)	A (1941)
ex 379	Bicycles and the like vehicles (excluding tricycles, motor-cycles, and side-cars for motor-cycles)	A (1941)
382	Cars, wagons, and trucks, railway and tramway	C
387	Metal fittings, mountings, and trimmings, n.e.i., etc.	C
388	Wheels, and tires, for locomotives, etc. ...	C
389 (*a*)	Motor-vehicles, unassembled or completely knocked down	MS
394 (6)	Crude petroleum, crude residual oil, etc.	MS
394 (7)	Motor-spirits	MS
394 (9)	Refined mineral oils, n.e.i., not exceeding in specific gravity 0·860 at 60° F.	MS
392 (10)	Oil n.e.i., including mineral lubricating oil	MS
396 (1)	Cod-liver oil	C
397 (1)	White-lead ground in oil	C
414 (1)	Veneers and plywood	D
418	Handles of bone, celluloid, etc.	C
420	Candlewick	C
ex 425	Cordage, rope, and twine, n.e.i. (excluding sash cord)	C

Customs Regulations and Tariff Changes—*Continued.*

Item No.	Tariff Item or Extract therefrom	Group
426	Cork, cut; bungs; etc.	C
ex 448	Articles and materials, etc., suited for, and to be used solely in, the fabrication or repair of goods within New Zealand (excluding corrugated strawboard; cherries in brine; tamarinds in brine; gherkins in brine; pom-poms for the manufacture of boots, shoes and slippers; tanners' bates; pictures for the manufacture of calendars, showcards, boxes, writing pads, and similar articles; corrugated saw-edge fasteners, corrugated steel in lengths). (Class of goods to be specified on applications)	C
ex 448	Corrugated saw-edge fasteners, corrugated steel in lengths	C
449 (1)	Rubber (not including sponge rubber) in sheet, strip, etc.	MS
ex 449 (2)	Ginger in brine	D
ex 449 (2)	Kapok	C
ex 449 (2)	All articles n.e.i. [excluding coal and coke; seeds, grass and clover; agricultural seeds (other than flower and vegetable seeds); insulating building board; roller lapping wool tops; copra; brake lining in the piece; paper patterns for costumes; gut, other than surgical; bottom filling compounds for footwear; lemon or orange rinds, dehydrated or in brine; roofing compounds, bituminous; straws, drinking, or paraffined paper; tubular woven meat wraps, recleaned, for use as engineers' hand cloths; adhesive pastes in vessels containing one gallon or over and powders for making adhesives in packages containing 1 lb. net weight or over; rags; ginger in brine; mangoes and walnuts in brine; steel wool; radiator sealing compounds; sheep-marking oils or paints; kapok; gut, surgical; asbestos; radiator cement]	C

FOREIGN

TURKEY

CUSTOMS TARIFF MODIFICATIONS

With reference to previous notices under the above heading in the "Board of Trade Journal," a despatch received from the Commercial Counsellor to H.M. Embassy at Ankara states that Law 4245 of 3 June 1942 and operative as from 5 June, cancels tariff item 816 and modifies item 815 as follows:—

	£T per 100 kilogs.
(*c*) Iodoformed gauze	85
(*b*) Plastered bandages	30
(*c*) Oilcloth, court plaster or cerecloth and other similar oilcloth for bandaging wounds ...	50
(*d*) Absorbent and other gauzes	50

The Law also states that gauzes falling under the heading "absorbent and other gauzes" which are in pieces of more than 30 cm. in width, are subject to the provisions of the tariff item concerning the material of which they are made. Such gauzes ordered six months or more before the publication of this law may be imported at the duty shown in (*d*) above, on condition that they are cut in the Customs, at the importers' expense, to a width of 30 cm.

IMPORTERS UNIONS

A dispatch from the Commercial Counsellor to H.M. Embassy at Ankara states that an importers union for glass, glassware, industrial dyes, and chemicals used in industry and agriculture has been formed. Goods falling under the tariff numbers shown below may only be imported by members of the union.

Customs Tariff Nos.:—
25, 31-33, 65, 66, 67 (except those used in medicine) 68, 71, 161, 165, 173, 214, 228, 231, 233, 272, 273, 274 (except those used in medicine) 275, 276, 277 (except those used in medicine), 278, 280, 281, 471 (except those used in medicine, 476 (except stones for lighters, artificial, of emery and manganese, 477, 487, 492-494, 496-500, 502-504, 511, 512, 515, 586, 697-702, 704-712, 715-729, 730 (except those used in medicine,) 731, 732, 737, 738, 744-746, 754 (except those used in medicine), 756, 757, 760, 761, 764, 765 (except those used in medicine), 768 (collodium only unless used in medicine), 769 (xylol only), 773, 782, 794 (vanilline only), 812, 813, 853 (except those used in medicine), 857.

Customs Regulations and Tariff Changes—*Continued.*

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

RESTRICTIONS ON WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' CLOTHING

With references to the notices in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 11 July (page 330) and 23 May (page 265), the Board of Trade have received a copy of General Limitation Order L-116, effective on 11 May 1942, which places restrictions on the manufacture and sale of women's, junior's and children's lingerie, including nightgowns, slips, petticoats and pyjamas.

A copy of the Order can be seen by persons interested on application to the Department of Overseas Trade, Hawkins House, Dolphin Square, Grosvenor Road, London, S.W.1.

Statutory and Other Government Notices

CORN PRICES

The following statement shows the average prices of British corn per cwt. of 112 Imperial † pounds as received from the Inspectors of Corn Returns in the week ended 15 August 1942 pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882, and the Corn Sales Act, 1921:—

Period	Average Price for Cwt.		
	Wheat	Barley	Oats
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Week ended 15 August 1942	15 6	34 6	14 6

† Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, as amended by Section 2 of the Corn Sales Act, 1921, provides that in the weekly summary of quantities and prices each sort of British corn shall be computed with reference to the hundredweight of one hundred and twelve Imperial standard pounds.

POSTAL SECTION

MAILS LOST BY ENEMY ACTION

The Postmaster-General regrets to announce that the undermentioned surface mails have been lost by enemy action:—

From the United Kingdom

	Districts and approximate Dates of Posting
Letters and Printed Papers for:—	
Australia and New Zealand ...	N.W. England: 18–28 June. Scotland: 18–27 June. Elsewhere (except Midlands) 18–26 June.
Cook Islands, Fiji Islands and Friendly Islands.	London and the South: 18–26 June. Elsewhere: 19–28 June.
Parcels for:—	
New Zealand (by sea direct) ...	All Districts: 16–26 June.

For the United Kingdom

Letters and Printed Papers from:—	
Fiji Islands	13–25 February.

SOUTH AMERICA: AIR MAIL CORRESPONDENCE

The Postmaster-General draws attention to the correct air mail postage rates for correspondence for South America, about which some misapprehension seems to exist. The collection of surcharges on underpaid correspondence has given rise to complaint.

Air mail letters for the Argentine, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay, intended for transmission by air throughout, should be prepaid at the rate of 3s. 6d. per half-ounce (postcards 1s. 7d.) and should be superscribed "North Atlantic Air Service." Air mail letters for the same destinations intended for conveyance by sea to New York and thence by air should be prepaid at the rate of 2s. 3d. per half-ounce (postcards 1s.) and should be superscribed "via New York." The corresponding rates for Colombia, Ecuador, British, Dutch and French Guiana, Peru and Venezuela are 2s. 9d. per half-ounce (postcards 2s. 4d.) for air transmission throughout and 1s. 6d. per half-ounce (postcards 9d.) for conveyance by sea to New York and thence by air.

Statutory and Other Government Notices—*Contd.*

RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS BY PARCEL POST INTO SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST AFRICA

The Postmaster-General announces that the Government of the Union of South Africa has modified the procedure for the issue of Import permits for trade parcels sent by post to the Union and South West Africa. In future, import permits in respect of trade parcels for those destinations will be issued only by the Union Controller of Imports, Pretoria to the importer, who must communicate the number of the permit to the sender of the goods. The Customs Declarations accompanying the parcels containing goods covered by an import permit must be endorsed by the senders, thus "Import Permit No.....obtained by addressee." It will continue to be necessary to produce export licences for goods subject to export control Orders by the Board of Trade.

TELEGRAMS TO AND FROM FORCES OVERSEAS

DATE CONCESSION: NEW E.F.M. PHRASES

Arising out of the public interest in the question of the inclusion of the date of origin in telegrams from the Forces Overseas, and in the addition of more phrases to the list of Standard Texts for E.F.M. telegrams, the General Post Office and Messrs. Cable and Wireless Ltd. have issued the following statement :—

(1) The desirability of including the date of handing-in on the delivered forms of telegrams from the Forces abroad is fully appreciated by all the authorities concerned.

(2) The censorship authorities have arranged only to delete the date when this is really necessary in the interest of security, and whenever the date is left in by the censors it is duly transmitted to this country by Cable and Wireless Ltd. The date shown is, however, that on which the message reaches the Army Post Office or the Telegraph Service (not necessarily the day when the telegram was written by the sender).

(3) It has been found, however, that in many cases the date duly appears on the delivered form but the addressee is sometimes unable to pick it out from the other particulars in the preamble. This difficulty has been recently overcome by showing the month (as well as the day) in letters, *e.g.* "12 AUG," "10 JUL" or "10 JUNE," etc., so that the date should be now readily identifiable.

(4) The original list of E.F.M. phrases was decided upon after an actual examination of traffic. It is impracticable to provide for all contingencies, but the list has been constantly under review.

(5) After consultation with the various telegraph authorities abroad and the Welfare Authorities of the Army, Navy and R.A.F., 78 new phrases have recently been decided upon and will be brought into use very shortly. There will then be a total of 189 phrases available.

Statutory and Other Government Notices—*Contd.*

PATENT AND DESIGNS ACTS, 1907 TO 1942

PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 24

LICENCES OF RIGHT

The following Patents were endorsed "Licences of Right" on the dates specified below :—

No. of Patent	Grantee	Subject Matter
	8 *August* 1942	
517660	Berkovi, L.	Appliances for use in permanent hair waving.
	10 *August* 1942	
337703	Fawkes, G.	Hull construction for navigable vessels.
496869	Lodge-Cottrell Ltd. (Siemens Lurgi-Cottrell - Elektro filter-Ges.).	Liquid seals for gas-filled chambers.
497825		Apparatus for the electrical precipitation of suspended particles from gaseous fluids.
502999		Insulating seals for high-tension electric conductors passing into gas-filled chambers.
443834	Bridges, W., & anr. ...	Braking apparatus for trailer vehicles.
490642	Aktiebolaget Ljussignaler.	Apparatus for recording the working periods of machines.
	14 *August* 1942	
518085	Laurence, H. ...	Doors for motor cars, aircraft, or other vehicles or structures.
	17 *August* 1942	
495679	Western States Machines Co.	Centrifugal apparatus.
506180	Abell, C. E.	Temperature-regulating apparatus.
506478	Aerovox Corporation	Electric condensers.
508445	Greeves, J. & T. M. Ltd....	Clearers or scrapers for the rollers of textile preparation machine.
518035	Rhodes, A. (Mrs.) ...	Combined egg or fish slice strainer and spoon.

THE PATENT OFFICE. M. F. LINDLEY, *Comptroller-General.*

CINEMATOGRAPH FILMS ACT, 1938

FILMS REGISTERED IN THE WEEK ENDED 17 AUGUST 1942

Title of Film	Registered in the name of	Maker's name	Registered No.	Length (feet)	Date of Registration
		BRITISH			
United Nations	N.S.S. Productions Ltd.	Crown Film Unit	BR/E.5549	948	14 August
A Modern Miracle	Anglo-American Film Corp. Ltd.	Strand Film Co. Ltd.	BR/E.5550	2,026	14 August
The Goose Steps Out ...	United Artists Corp. Ltd.... ...	Ealing Studios Ltd.	BR/TR.5556	6,756	15 August
Tired Out	Columbia Pictures Corp. Ltd. ...	British Foundation Pictures Ltd.	BR/R.5557	1,484	17 August
		FOREIGN			
I Married An Angel	Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures Ltd.	Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer	F.5548	7,530	13 August
The Lady Or The Tiger ...	Ditto	Ditto	F.5551	854	15 August
Jackass Mail	Ditto	Ditto	F.5552	7,150	15 August
Pierre Of The Plains... ...	Ditto	Ditto	F.5553	5,960	15 August
For The Common Defence ...	Ditto	Ditto	F.5554	1,933	15 August
Dance Of The Weed ...	Ditto	Ditto	F.5555	778	15 August
Tramp, Tramp, Tramp ...	Columbia Pictures Corp. Ltd. ...	Columbia Pictures Corp.	F.5558	6,136	17 August
Parachute Nurse	Ditto	Ditto	F.5559	5,760	17 August
Meet The Stewarts	Ditto	Ditto	F.5560	6,686	17 August
Personal Honour	Ditto	Ditto	F.5561	5,648	17 August
Not A Ladies' Man	Ditto	Ditto	F.5562	5,327	17 August
Glovebirds	Ditto	Ditto	F.5563	1,574	17 August
Women In Photography ...	Ditto	Ditto	F.5564	883	17 August
College Champs	Ditto	Ditto	F.5565	834	17 August
Alaska Tour	Ditto	Ditto	F.5566	962	17 August

BR/E. indicates "for the exhibitors' quota only."
BR/R. indicates "for the exhibitors' and renters' quotas."
BR/TR. indicates "for the exhibitors' quota and trebled for the renters' quota."

ALTERATION OF LENGTH

Title of Film	Registration No.	Date of Publication in "Board of Trade Journal"	Amended length (feet)
The Green Cockatoo	BR/R.2899	4 April 1940	4,895
Kitchen Quiz No. 1	F.5406	4 July 1942	1,680

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Under the provisions of the Export Guarantees Act, 1939, the Export Credits Guarantee Department is authorised to give guarantees to United Kingdom exporters for the purpose of encouraging export trade. War conditions have greatly increased the risks to which exporters are exposed in oversea trading, and the Department has put into operation special facilities giving them protection against these risks on exceptionally favourable terms.

The standard form of cover is the War Emergency policy which covers the exporter of consumable goods sold for cash, or on short credit, from the time he books an order until he receives the amount due to him in payment for the goods. An exporter who is prepared to insure with the Department the whole of his export orders can thus obtain protection against loss due to :—

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(*b*) exchange restrictions in the buyer's country ;
(*c*) events such as war in the buyer's country preventing payment for goods shipped or preventing their delivery ;
(*d*) additional handling, insurance and freight charges not covered by Marine or Government war risk policies caused by interruption or diversion (through British Government instructions) of the voyage on which the goods are shipped.

The cover at present available is either 85 per cent. or 90 per cent., according to the particular risk.

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Telephone : Central 3056.
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Telephone : Belfast 21116.
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